

ANTAGONISM IS UNJUSTIFIABLE.

Mr. John S. Williams Talks on the Sub-Committee on Streets.

ACTION OF CERTAIN MEMBERS.

He Says They are Trying to Load Down the Ordinance in Every Possible Way, While Others are Honestly Doing Their Duty.

Mr. John Skelton Williams was seen yesterday in regard to the action of the sub-committee on streets on the ordinance for the right to enter the city and establish a union depot in conjunction with the Chesapeake and Ohio railway.

Mr. Williams was annoyed at what he termed the unfeeling and unkind action of certain members of the sub-committee. "There are some members of this committee," said Mr. Williams, "who are earnestly striving to perfect an ordinance which will give to the railroad such just and reasonable privileges as its business demands." In the meantime all the interests of the city, but the time of the committee is being principally consumed by one or two members, who seem to be determined, if it is within their power to do so, to load down the ordinance to the last point of encumbrance, with every inaccuracy and with every limitation that the company can possibly stand even going so far as to jeopardize entirely the plans for the union station. They do not seem to be content to enlarge the original plan of organization outlined out by the engineer, but seem to rack their brains to discover new obstacles and find out new objections and new points calculated to increase the expense to the company, and to disentitle them of certain rights. What those particular members are doing in their presentations that they are only laboring to protect the best interests of the city, and to do their duty as members of the committee, etc., etc., it might be observed that the result will be highly adverse to those interests which they continually proclaim they are trying to promote.

"If it were not for the particular antagonism to which I refer and the parliamentary complications of the small minority to delay and hinder, I believe that the tremendous advantages and opportunities which are now offered to the city by this railroad for the promotion of the railroad would be more than half realized. I have fully received that the City Council would readily and cheerfully grant to the railroad the permission which it needs to be allowed to multiply our railroad facilities and advance the interests of every shipper and carrier."

NOT BEING PHOTOGRAPHED.

"So far as protecting the interests of the city and such like talk is concerned, these interests are not being protected when instead of helping and assisting the majority, the small minority, those who contemplate the expenditure of a vast sum of money and the establishment of a great public improvement, they are impeded and harassed and opposed in the most unreasonable way. For example, the City Council distinctly told the committee that he saw no great objection to the proposed grade crossing for the siding on Broad street, but certain members of the committee urged the consideration of a 42-foot high embankment and required tunnel under Broad street to accommodate this siding, which is simply a spur track to the company's local freight depot on Franklin street.

The City Engineer furthermore forced the company's permission to erect supports (which cost \$10,000) on the curb line on Main street, rather than force the use of heavy plate girder, nearly double the width of girder which would have been required. The engineers placed on the girder, and at greatly increased cost, the enclosures stated that it would be impossible to increase the length of the span without increasing materially the width of the girder, and clearly stated that unless the width of the girder was increased, the safety of all trains passing across the girder would be seriously imperiled, as the width of the girder was established by well-known engineering principles which had been agreed upon by certain members of the committee, especially the engineer himself, and the committee proposed that the matter should be delayed in order to try to find some way to lengthen the span without increasing the width of the girder and without at the same time its tensile strength.

Considerable time was also consumed in discussing the dimensions of the depot, and in relation to the arguments of a certain member of the committee, who said the plan agreed upon by the railroads, in order to keep the depot run back further than is practicable under these plans.

THE PROVISION.

"The provision in the ordinance as to the depot is as follows:

That the said railroad company shall construct the entire work in a thorough and substantial manner. The passenger depot and office building, which it shall erect on the corner of Main and Fifteenth streets, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, on a site to be selected by the railroad company, shall be built of brick or stone or both, said depot building, shall be at least 100 feet long, 50 feet wide, and five feet from Main street, exclusive of the train shed or side structures, with an elevation on Main street front of not less than seventy-eight (78) feet from the present grade of said street, the said depot building, exclusive of the train shed, shall be not less than ninety (90) feet; the said depot building shall be so completely planned, arranged and constructed as to be attractive in appearance, and fit for use, and in every respect up to the requirements of the most approved modern standards for such structures; and the said depot building and train shed shall cost not less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

OTHERS WANT IT.

In conclusion Mr. Williams remarked: "No where in our system is there a road, traversing the six States of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama, has the same spirit been shown towards this important railroad enterprise. Our cities, as a rule, are more willing to make every reasonable request, and I am constantly receiving letters and petitions urging us to extend our lines into other places, where rights of way, terminal facilities, are offered to us without cost, in order to secure the benefits which railroads bring with them."

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

The Blues Will Turn Out in Full Force at Blandon Park To Day.

All arrangements for the proper celebration of the anniversary of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues to-day have been completed and the entertainment promises to be a great success.

There will be no parade nor any kind of military display, but all the members of the Blues as far as possible, and their invited friends are asked to meet at the Blues' Armory at 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

The Committee on Arrangements are very anxious to have all the Blues, who ever joined the Blues before the breaking out of the war, present at the celebration. They have sent out invitations to all old members as far as they could remember.

AS CLEAR AS CRYSTAL.

No Picture in the Pane of Glass in Dr. Nichols' Window.

The pane of glass in which some persons thought they saw the photograph of a woman, has been taken out of the window sash at Dr. Nichols' residence and is now in the possession of Conner Taylor.

I think it due to mention that the police have done a good deal towards the prevention of cruelty to teams on the streets, and have, in many cases, stopped it.

The condition of the drinking fountains is much better than it was sometimes, but there are only two that need fixing.

I have seen several cases where the shopkeeper of poultry has been badly managed, and I don't think they are fit for use after that kind of shipping; when there are some four or five dead in a coop, the rest could not be in a very healthy condition.

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BURNING OF THE BATTLE HOME.

Further Particulars of the Tragedy Near Rocky Mount.

MRS. GORDON BATTLE BETTER.

Though Painfully Burned and Bruised Her Injuries are Not Regarded as Serious—A Letter Received Late Last Night.

A private telegram received yesterday morning in this city states that Mrs. George Gordon Battle, wife of the Battle homestead, near Rocky Mount, N. C., was destroyed by fire, was improving rapidly, and that her injuries are not of a serious nature. As stated in yesterday's Times, Mr. Joseph Bunn, a grandson of Mrs. Turner W. Battle, was fatally injured, and died the following day.

The fire, according to further advices, took place about 11 o'clock Sunday night, and is believed to have originated in the kitchen. It was first discovered by Mr. Bunn, who at once endeavored to arouse the other inmates of the house.

MRS. BATTLE AROUSED.

Mr. Gordon Battle, who was arrested on the charge of killing William Robinson Saturday night last in the upper portion of Jeterico county, is still in the county jail and has not yet had a hearing. He has employed James R. Russell to defend him.

The Board of Supervisors of Henrico county met yesterday and re-elected W. T. Holdsworth superintendent of the almshouse.

There was a case yesterday in the Henrico County Court which convulsed the Judge, Commonwealth's Attorney, sheriff, and even the prisoner himself with laughter.

The matter in hand was the case of Christopher Columbus Martin, who was fined \$25 in a magistrate's court on the charge of using abusive language to Beta Hodges, colored.

Mr. Martin took an appeal from the decision of the magistrate and retained Mr. H. W. Ivie to defend him.

Mr. Martin was a member of the Third Regiment and was in the fight of San Juan Hill. His counsel's speech was the most remarkable ever heard in the Henrico or any other court.

He had his elating sailing the blue ocean in 1861 and discovering America. Anon he was charging up San Juan Hill with Mauer bullets whizzing around him. Then he was climbing snow-clad mountains. And all the while the American eagle screamed.

"And it is such a man as this," concluded Mr. Ivie, "that you would dare to fine \$25 for using insulting language to a negro woman. I am amazed, your honor; I am astounded."

Commonwealth's Attorney Sands arose to reply to Mr. Ivie, but he was too full for utterance, and sat down without saying a word.

In view of the eloquence of the learned counsel for the prisoner," said Judge Ivie, "I will reduce the fine imposed upon him to a dollar."

Jess N. Sweeney Monday made application for license to sell liquor at Newbern, Henrico county. His application was opposed by the School Trustees on the ground that the place where he proposed to sell liquor was too near to a school. Judge Wickham refused to grant the license.

Yesterday morning the trustees withdrew their opposition, stating that they had purchased a place for the schoolhouse at a distance from the place. The Judge, therefore, granted the license.

Ben Waller, a very respectable-looking negro, was before "Square Lewis" yesterday morning charged with stealing a wagon, the value of which was \$32, the property of Mr. J. A. McDonough. Waller was represented by Mr. Edgar B. English.

On account of the absence of a witness the case was continued until this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Julia Clark, colored, was also before "Square Lewis" charged with using abusive language to Mrs. M. J. Goldsmith. She was allowed to go free.

THE ANIMALS' FRIEND.

S. P. C. A. Board Holds Its Annual Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held last night; President, Dr. Wood, occupied the chair. There was a large attendance of the board.

The report of Agent C. A. Pusey was as follows: Number of cases investigated in the month of April, 1899, 52; admissions, 12; horses and mules with sore shoulders or backs, 5; horses or mules lame, 2; horses or mules unfit for work, unshod and sent to stable, 15; over-loaded teams relieved, 6; very poor, half-starved horses or mules ordered off street, 5; horses and mules fit for work, 10; mule, 2; cruelly whipping of horses or mules stopped, 5; stray or lost horses turned to owners; 4; pony found badly handled by railroad, five coops, 1.

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Revised Ordinances.

President Caskie of the Common Council, has called a special meeting of that body for to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering the revised city ordinances as far as they concern the street department.

Continues to Improve.

Cal. Jno. Bell Bigger continues to improve and was able yesterday to go to Beaver Dam in Hanover county, on a short visit to his friend Dr. Terrell.

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